Refund of security deposit to the residents of Prashant Vihar

2682. SHRI SYED AHMAD HASHMI: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 2054 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 19th March, 1984 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the security deposited by the reisdents for getting new electricity connections has not yet been refunded even when it was assured that the backlog would be cleared progressively and there is no current complaint office/cash collection office in Prashaant Vihar;

(b) if so, the reasons thereof and the details of such case still pending with DESU and whether fresh representations have been received from the Welfare Associations of Prashant Vihar stating *inter-alia* the difficulties being faced by the residents for lodging their complaints and depositing electricity bills, complaint/cash collection offices located at far off distance and also for requesting the DESU authorities for opening of compiaint/cash collection offices in Prashant Vihar itself; and

(c) if so, the action taken or being taken to eradicate the genuine difficulties of the residents?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER (SHRI ARIF MOHD KHAN): (a) to (c) DESU has intimated that nearly 100 pending case of refund of security deposits against temporary connections are likely to be cleared by the end of January 1986. In some cases Security Deposits are being adjusted against their bills.

According to DESU, the number of connections in the residential complex in Prashant Vihar do not justify opening of a separate cash collection/complaint centre there. At present no current complaints of Prashant Vihar area are being attended from DESU's existing complaint office at Mangolpuri Kalan, which is about 2 Kms. from this colony. During day shift, however, one Lineman has been posted in 'D' Block Sub-Station, Prashant Vihar to attend to the complaints.

A full fledged zonal office along with complaint centre is proposed to be set up in sector-9, Robini, which is at a distance of about 1 Km. from Prashant Vihar.

LPG Connections in Haryana

2683. SHRI M.P. KAUSHIK: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of towns in Haryana which are proposed to be provided with LPG connections;

(b) by when the connections are likely to be provided;

(c) whether while calculating the population of 20,000 or more of a town for the purpose of giving LPG distributorshop the population of close villages in the neighbourhood of a town is to be taken into consideration;

(d) if so, details therof, if not, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether it is a fact that LPG dealership is also being issued to towns with population of less than 20,000; if so, the names of such towns in Haryana with their population and when the dealership was given to each towns; and

(f) what are the criteria taken into consideration for giving LPG distributorshop for a town?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTERY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA): (a) to (d). Apart from continued release of new LPG connections in existing markets under the oil industry's annual customer enrolment programme, release of such connections in new markets will be determined by the commissioning of distributorships there. On the basis of economic viability and demand potential, the oil industry has planned to establish distributorship the following new markets in Haryana under the Marketing Plan 1985-86;